Each request for donation is examined on merit and availability of funds.

During the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, donations totalling Rs. 567.35 lakhs were given. 57 organisations were granted donation by the SAIL Board in the aforesaid period.

Technology Import for Increase in Productivity

3159. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Technology of injecting coaltar into the blast furnace developed by T.I.S.C.O.;

(b) if so, improvement in productivity of the blast furnace brought about by adding this technology;

(c) whether Government has any plans to make use of this technology in public sector steel plants;

(d) the comparative operative statistics of public sector plants and T.I.S.C.O.; and

(e) whether these statistics are adverse in case of public sector plants, if so, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TISCO has reported that Coaltar injection results in marginal increase of blast furnace productivity.

(c) Adoption of this technology by the Public Sector Units would depend on techno-economic considerations.

(d) The comparative operational statistics of public sector steel plants namely SAIL and RINL vis-a-vis TISCO for the year 1995-96 are given below:—

(e) The operational statistics of the public sector plants vis-a-vis TISCO present a mixed picture as may be seen in the table given above. Variation is on account of several factors such as technology level, raw-material quality etc.

Parameters	SAIL Plants (excluding IISCO)	IISCO	RINL	TISCO
Blast Furnance Productivity (T/Cub. M of Working Volume/Day)	0.84-1.31	0.91	1.58	1.47
Coke Rate (KG/THM)	608-749	900	533	550+63*
Energy Consumption (Giga Cal/TCS)	7.73-10.72	12.80	8.13	8.67
Labour Productivity (TCS/Man/Year)	52-123	30	174	107

*Refers to coal injection in Blast Furnace.

Export of kids to Gulf Countries for Flesh Trade

3160. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing flesh trade in Berhampur in Murshidabad where kids are openly put on sale in 'Bhikari Bazar' for exporting them to gulf countries;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into racket involved in the unsocial lucrative industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.